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FOR AMBASSADOR HORAN, AF/S

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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED FRAMEWORK FOR STATEMENT
TO BE HANDED PRESIDENT BANDA WHEN YOU PRESENT YOUR
CREDENTIALS:

QUOTE "YOUR EXCELLENCY,
I AM MOST PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN NAMED BY PRESIDENT CARTER
AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE
REPUBLIC OF MALAWI. I BRING YOU GREETINGS (IF
APPROPRIATE) FROM SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE WHO EN-
JOYED HIS MEETING WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 28,
1978, AS WELL AS GREETINGS FROM OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, RICHARD MOOSE, WHO GREETED
YOU AT THE AIRPORT UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. AMERICANS HAVE
FOLLOWED AFFAIRS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR
MANY YEARS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE TIME THAT YOU
RETURNED HERE IN 1958 TO LEAD THE MOVEMENT TOWARD INDEPENDENCE.
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR
GOVERNMENT, HAVE STRIVED FOR THE FREEDOM OF PEOPLE ALL
OVER THE WORLD AND WE ARE HAPPY THAT YOU SUCCESSFULLY
ACHIEVED YOUR OBJECTIVE OF MAKING MALAWI A SELF-GOVERNING
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NATION THAT STANDS ALONGSIDE THE OTHER COUNTRIES
OF THE WORLD ON AN EQUAL FOOTING.

WE HAVE ADMIRERD THE LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE SHOWN IN BRINGING
TO YOUR PEOPLE THE BASIC NEEDS THAT WERE GENERALLY
LACKING BEFORE YOU BECAME PRESIDENT: SELF-SUFFICIENCY
IN FOOD SUPPLY, BETTER CLOTHING, ADEQUATE HOUSING AND

IMPROVED MEDICAL CARE. MALAWI CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF A COUNTRY WHICH HAS BUILT ITS STRENGTH ON THE RICHNESS OF ITS SOIL AND THE INDUSTRIOUSNESS AND INTEGRITY OF ITS PEOPLE. IT HAS NOT SOUGHT DEVELOPMENT GOALS BEYOND ITS REACH, AND WE HAVE OBSERVED THAT IT HAS UTILIZED WITH AN EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH AID, HAS BEEN A PARTNER WITH MALAWI IN MALAWI'S DEVELOPMENT. WE MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE BUNDA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, AN INSTITUTION WHICH IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF MALAWI'S ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF ITS CITIZENS. WE ALSO HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE POLYTECHNIC, ANOTHER VITAL ELEMENT IN PERMITTING THE COUNTRY TO TRAIN ITS OWN PEOPLE EFFECTIVELY. WE PROVIDED LOANS FOR THREE MAJOR ROADS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS. WE PROVIDED A RADIO TRANSMITTER AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE SO THAT THE MALAWI GOVERNMENT COULD COMMUNICATE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH ITS OWN PEOPLE. IN ADDITION THERE HAS BEEN A PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN MALAWI WHICH AT ONE TIME ACCOUNTED FOR A QUARTER OF ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE COUNTRY AND HAS ALSO ASSISTED IN HEALTH AND OTHER FIELDS. WE HAVE ALSO PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TO ENHANCE THE BACKGROUNDS OF MALAWI'S BEST TALENT, AND WE OFFER FILMS, READING MATERIALS AND VISITING AMERICAN PROFESSORS IN AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

MALAWI AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE LONG ENJOYED A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADING RELATIONSHIP, WITH MALAWIAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES ACCOUNTING FOR TWO-THIRDS OF THIS TOTAL. IN RECENT YEARS, AMERICAN PRIVATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS HAVE INCREASED THEIR PARTICIPATION IN MALAWI'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF LOANS TO VARIOUS PROJECTS IN MALAWI. THE UNITED STATES HAS ALSO ENCOURAGED PRIVATE AMERICAN BUSINESS FIRMS TO CONTRIBUTE TO MALAWI'S DEVELOPMENT BY GRANTING INSURANCE PROTECTION UNDER THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INSURANCE CORPORATION.

WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF MALAWI'S MODERATE STANCE IN RELATION TO EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THIS PART OF AFRICA AND WE HAVE NOTED THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN WISE COUNSEL TO SOME OF THE LEADING FIGURES DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD.

WE HOPE THAT MALAWI WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE
IN WORLD AFFAIRS. WE WOULD LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SEE
MALAWI ADHERE TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY
WHICH NOW HAS 104 ADHERING COUNTRIES AND WHICH IS AN
ESSENTIAL ELEMENT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD.

ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENTS OF MALAWI AND THE UNITED STATES
HAVE NOT BEEN IN TOTAL AGREEMENT ON EVERY SUBJECT, WE
BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A COMMONALITY OF RESPECT FOR THE
RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL
PEOPLE TO TRY TO ATTAIN THEIR PERSONAL GOALS, SO LONG,
OF COURSE, AS THEY DO NOT TRANSGRESS THE RIGHTS OF
OTHER INDIVIDUALS OR THREATEN THE SECURITY OF ANY
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COUNTRY. PRESIDENT CARTER BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE
MADE SIZEABLE PROGRESS IN THIS ENDEAVOR WHICH HAS NOW
BECOME THE HALLMARK OF HIS ADMINISTRATION.

AT THIS TIME, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL PLEASURE
IN MEETING WITH YOU AND MY ANTICIPATION THAT OUR WORKING
TOGETHER WILL BE CORDIAL AND VERY FRUITFUL FOR
BOTH SIDES. END QUOTE.

2. SUGGEST THAT FINAL VERSION OR REMARKS BE CABLED
TO US ABOUT TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR ETA SO THAT WE
MAY PASS A COPY INFORMALLY TO GOM. BANDA'S OWN
STATEMENT WILL BE DRAFTED WITH A VIEW TO THE
CONTENT OF YOUR MESSAGE. COPIES OF BOTH STATEMENTS
WILL SIMPLY BE EXCHANGED AT CREDENTIALS CEREMONY.
WE WILL SHORTLY PROVIDE SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR
YOUR INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH BANDA.
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